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respectively holding the first and second compact discs simultaneously, and the gripping head is rotatable about a horizontal axis of the pickup arm.

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10. The compact disc processing system of claim 9 wherein the supply station includes a vertically extending rod sized to fit within a central opening provided in the plurality of blank compact discs.

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21. A method of operating a disc processing system comprising a printer for printing indicia on a compact disc, a recorder for recording information on the compact disc, and a transporter carriage for simultaneously holding at least two compact discs on first and second planes, the method comprising:

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gripping a first compact disc located in the printer with the transporter carriage;
removing the first compact disc from the printer;
moving the transporter carriage to the recorder and gripping a second compact disc located in the recorder with the transporter carriage;
removing the second compact disc from the recorder;
placing the first compact disc in the recorder;
moving the transporter carriage to the printer; and
placing the second compact disc in the printer.

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22. A method of operating a disc processing system comprising a printer for printing indicia on a compact disc, a recorder for recording information on the compact disc, and a transporter carriage for simultaneously holding at least two compact discs on first and second planes, the method comprising:

gripping a first compact disc located in the recorder with the transporter carriage;
removing the first compact disc from the recorder;
moving the transporter carriage to the printer and gripping a second compact disc located in the printer with the transporter carriage;
removing the second compact disc from the printer;